

## DDC Opens Distribution Center in Guam

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The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) established Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas (DDGM) on October 1, 2004.

DDGM will provide logistics support to military customers in Guam including Naval Base Guam, Guam National Guard, Army Reserves and Andersen Air Force Base. About 4,000 items will be distributed through DDGM including repair parts, subsistence items and general and construction supplies.

This distribution center in Guam is DDC's latest site to be strategically placed to provide forward stocking support to the Warfighters. An initiative developed to decrease both customer wait time and transportation costs, DDC's forward stocking initiative has also led to the establishment of distribution sites in Italy and Kuwait this year. DDC plans to open a 26th distribution site in Korea in fiscal year 2005.

"By forward stocking highly demanded items, we are placing supplies closer to the Warfighters and increasing their overall readiness," explained DDC Commander COL (P) Mike Lally, USA, during the DDGM activation ceremony.

The ceremony also included an assumption of command, and DDGM's new commander is no stranger to the island. CDR William Nash, SC, USN, was stationed in Guam during the mid 1990s and he is glad to return. "After one winter in Newport and three long winters in the St. Louis area, my wife and I look forward to the next three years of tropical weather with no mention of snow."

With deputy commander Debra McBeath, formerly of Defense Distribution Depot Europe (DDDE) in Germersheim, Germany, CDR Nash will lead a team of government employees and contractors who will carry out DDGM's mission to receive, store and issue materiel to the Warfighter. "The employees' level of skill and dedication is

tremendous. It's a pleasure to lead them in supporting the Warfighter," said CDR Nash.

Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas (DDGM), is located on Naval Base Guam.



*COL (P) Lally passes the organization flag to CDR Nash.*



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### Naval Officers Recognized with Joint Service

#### Commendation Medals

For assisting the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) in establishing Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas (DDGM), CDR Anthony Sorell, SC, USN, and LCDR Chris Anderson, SC, USN, were awarded Joint Service Commendation Medals.

Both officers aided in the planning and transfer of the distribution mission from Commander Naval Forces Marianas Islands to DDC. Coordinating with tenant organizations and providing support to DDC, each officer ensured that the transition was smooth.



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### CDR William Nash, SC, USN DDGM Commander

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, CDR Nash was commissioned in 1988 at Officer Candidate School. After attending the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia, CDR Nash's initial tour of duty was as Supply Officer on board the nuclear-powered fast attack submarine USS ALBUQUERQUE. He then returned to the Navy Supply Corps School as an instructor.

Other fleet and shore assignments include a tour as the Stock Control Officer on USNS SPICA, Guam; Air Logistics Officer, Commander, Logistics Forces US Naval Central Command (COMLOGFORNAVCENT); Commander, Task Force 53, Bahrain; and a joint tour at the United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) J-5 Strategy and Policy division, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

CDR Nash holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, a Master of Business Administration degree, and master's degrees in Transportation and Logistics Management and National Security and Strategic Studies.

CDR Nash's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal. He is also a qualified Submarine Supply Corps Officer.